Sub-Antarctic Islands of New Zealand with Macquarie Island

November 16 – December 4, 2016
It’s what pelagic bird enthusiasts see when they close their eyes—this string of islands in the Furious Forties and Fifties, known as the “Albatross Latitudes.” Sailing among New Zealand’s sub-Antarctic islands, one can see ten of the world’s albatross species, five of which breed nowhere but here. Petrels, shearwaters, prions, and storm-petrels are among the 40 pelagic species present, as well as seven species of penguin, including endemic Royal, Snares and Erect-crested Penguins. For non-birders, whales and breeding seals abound, as well as a wealth of jaw-dropping landscapes and mythical-looking megaherbs. All but one of the island groups is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and they enjoy the highest conservation status, allowing for a truly staggering abundance of wildlife. Join Apex on this 19-day voyage aboard the intimate Spirit of Enderby, and sail to a wonderland of sub-Antarctic sea life that few people have visited.
Wednesday, November 16: Arrive Invercargill
Arrive in Invercargill, New Zealand’s southernmost city, and transfer to the Kelvin Hotel in the city center. There, meet your fellow adventurers and some of the expert expedition team at an informal welcome dinner. Overnight at Kelvin Hotel.

Thursday, November 17: Port of Bluff
Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the Port of Bluff to embark the intimate, 50-passenger Spirit of Enderby, our home at sea for the next 17 nights. Settle into your cabin, and then join the expedition team and Captain on the bridge. Toast to the adventure to come as we set our course to The Snares.

Friday, November 18: The Snares – North East Island
North East is the largest of The Snares, the closest sub-Antarctic islands to New Zealand. So-named because they were considered a shipping hazard, The Snares managed to stay pristine through the 19th century, while islands around them were virtually destroyed by the whaling and sealing industries. North East is uninhabited, and home to more nesting seabirds than all of the British Isles. As landings are not permitted, a Zodiac cruise along the sheltered eastern side of the island should reveal the endemic Snares Penguin, Snares Island Tomtit and Fernbird. Cape Pigeons, Antarctic and White-fronted Terns, and Red-billed Gulls are also well represented. There are hundreds of thousands of Sooty Shearwaters nesting on The Snares, and Mottled and Diving Petrel and Broad-billed Prion are also present.

Saturday, November 19: Auckland Islands – Enderby Island
One of the largest of the sub-Antarctic groups, the Aucklands are composed of eroding volcanic remains from eruptions that occurred between 25 and 10 million years ago. Enderby, named for the same distinguished shipping family as our vessel, is one of the most beautiful islands in this group, and perhaps of all the
sub-Antarctic islands, with its forests of gnarled Rata and fields of Gentians. It also enjoys a much milder climate than most sub-Antarctic islands because of its location. Today, land at Sandy Bay, one of three Aucklands breeding areas for the rare Hooker's or New Zealand Sea Lion. Stroll the boardwalk beyond the beach and see Bellbirds, Red-crowned Parakeets, and Tomtits. Yellow-eyed Penguins, arguably the world's rarest, nest in the forest and under the tangled shrubs of the plateau. In the more open country, see nesting Southern Royal Albatross and the endemic Auckland Island Dotterel. There is also a good chance of spotting the endemic flightless Teal at Derrycastle Reef.

Sunday, November 20: Auckland Islands – Carnley Harbour
Marvel at the sheer tussock-covered cliffs as we approach this large sheltered harbor in the southern Auckland Islands. Depending on weather, the more energetic among us may choose to climb to the South West Cape and visit the Shy Mollymawk colony. The scramble is tough, but the views are worth it. Above the colony, look for breeding Gibson's Wandering Albatross. For those who don't opt for the climb, there will be a Zodiac tour of the Adams Island coast and Western Harbour. Visit the remains of the Grafton, which wrecked here in 1864—several of its surviving crew went on to write books about their time as castaways on the island.

Monday, November 21: At Sea
Enjoy informal lectures today on the biology and history of the sub-Antarctic islands, especially the upcoming Macquarie Island. Be sure to spend time on deck as you can expect some of the best pelagic birding sailing through the Furious Fifties. Keep a watch for Royal, Wandering, Shy, and Campbell Albatross, as well as White-chinned Petrel, Common Diving-petrel, Little Shearwater, storm-petrels, and numerous prion species.

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 22 & 23: Macquarie Island
This is Australia's prized sub-Antarctic possession—a small sliver of crustal rocks supporting one of the highest concentrations of wildlife in the Southern Hemisphere. There's so much to see, in fact, that we will take two days to explore it. Millions of penguins of four different species—King, Eastern Rockhopper, Gentoo and the endemic Royal—breed here. At Lusitania Bay, rusting condensers are grim reminders of a time when King Penguins were slaughtered for their oil. Now, their offspring have reclaimed this territory, and a quarter of a million of them populate the beaches and swim in the waters of the bay where we'll Zodiac among them. Go ashore at Sandy Bay where the Royal Penguin rookery teems with feisty little birds—all three million of the world's Royal Penguins breed on Macquarie Island. Between large numbers of breeding King Penguins, groups of Southern Elephant Seals slumber on the beaches, while younger bulls spar in the shallow water. Other wildlife includes Fur Seals, and four species of nesting Albatross—Wandering, Black-browed, Grey-headed and Light-mantled Sooty—as well as Redpolls and Imperial Shag. Visit the Australian Antarctic Research Base at Buckles Bay to meet with scientists and base staff.

Thursday, November 24: At Sea
Today, we will be northbound and hopefully running with the prevailing weather, which should make for a comfortable sail. Keep a keen eye out for cetaceans, albatross and petrels today, and enjoy more lectures by the expedition team.
Friday, November 25: Campbell Island – Perseverance Harbor
Campbell Island is New Zealand’s southernmost sub-Antarctic territory. In 1895, an entrepreneurial New Zealand sheep farmer stocked the island with sheep and cattle, and farming practices ravaged the land. In 1990, all livestock was removed from the island, and its vegetation, including megaherbs described by the great English botanist Sir Joseph Hooker as “second to none outside the tropics,” is flourishing. Broad bays, vertical headlands, and surf-washed beaches will serve as our backdrop as we search for Southern Skua, Antarctic Tern, Dunnock, New Zealand Pipit, endemic Campbell Island Teals and Shags, and, with luck, the elusive Campbell Island Snipe.

Saturday, November 26: At Sea
This is a day for pelagic birding. Albatross species commonly seen in the area include Wandering, Southern Royal, Black-browed, Campbell, Light-mantled Sooty, Salvin’s, and Grey-headed. This region of the Southern Ocean is one of the few where Fairy, Fulmar, and Antarctic Prion occur together, providing a good opportunity for comparison. Also abundant are many species of petrel which include, Pintado, White-headed, Soft-plumaged, Grey, and White-chinned.

Sunday, November 27: Antipodes Islands
Antarctic islands, formed from highly eroded volcanic remains. Landings are not permitted here, but a Zodiac cruise along the coast should reveal the green-headed Antipodes Island Parakeet and Reischek’s Parakeet, and the Antipodes subspecies of the New Zealand Pipit. We should also get good views of the mixed colonies of Erect-crested and Eastern Rockhopper Penguins along the shore. Antarctic Terns and Kelp Gulls are often seen in good numbers.

Monday, November 28: Bounty Islands
The incongruously named Bounties are a cluster of rather inhospitable-looking granite islets. Nevertheless, they are home to thousands of Salvin’s Albatross, Erect-crested Penguins, Fulmar Prions and the endemic Bounty Island Shag, the world’s rarest. New Zealand Fur Seals, which were almost hunted to extinction in the sub-Antarctic islands, are present in large numbers here. This afternoon, there will be opportunities to see a good selection of birdlife as we sail toward the Chatham Islands, including Wandering and Northern and Southern Royal Albatross; Mottled, Soft-plumaged, and White-chinned Petrel; Broad-billed Prion; and Black-bellied Storm-petrel.

Tuesday, November 29: At Sea / Pyramid Rock
Look out for the Chatham Island Petrel, and even the very rare Chatham Island Taiko, one of New Zealand’s most endangered species, with an estimated population of less than 150. This afternoon, cruise around spectacular Pyramid Rock, a basalt outcrop south of Pitt Island. Pyramid Rock is the only breeding place of the Chatham Island Albatross. Landings are not possible, but great views of nesting birds can be had from the ship; this will be one of the great highlights of the entire voyage.

Wednesday, November 30: Chatham Islands – Waitangi
The Chatham Archipelago represents New Zealand’s easternmost territory. Two of its islands were originally settled by East Polynesians, which quickly became isolated and developed their own distinct culture. The islands were discovered by European sealers in the 1790s, then Maoris from New Zealand, who killed and enslaved many
of the indigenous people. The impact of the various settlers on the native flora and fauna was disastrous. Fortunately, a number of endemic birds survived on the offshore islands, and they are now being reintroduced on Waitangi. Today, visit a private reserve where there is a very good chance to see the endemic Chatham Island Pigeon and Warbler. Near our landing in Waitangi, you may spot the endemic Chatham Island Shag. This evening, cruise back along the south coast for another opportunity to spot Taiko and Chatham Island Petrel.

**Thursday, December 1: South East Island / Mangere Islands**

Arrive early this morning in South East Island, one of the world’s greatest nature reserves. Landings are not permitted, but a Zodiac cruise along its coast should furnish great views of the very rare New Zealand Shore Plover and Chatham Island Oystercatcher. Keep an eye out for the Pitt Island Shag as well. This afternoon, cruise past Mangere and Little Mangere Islands, known as one of only two sites in the world where Black Robin are found. Hear the story of how this endemic species was rescued from the brink of extinction in the 1970s, when the total population consisted of just six birds.

**Friday & Saturday, December 2 & 3: At Sea**

En route to Dunedin, we cross the Chatham Rise, a nutrient-rich area where warm subtropical waters from the north meet cold sub-Antarctic water, attracting an overlap of northern and southern pelagic bird species. Expect to see Royal and Wandering Albatross, Westland Black and Cook’s Petrel, and much more.

**Sunday, December 4: Disembark Dunedin**

Be on deck early this morning as we arrive in the historic Otago Harbour at Dunedin. Enjoy a farewell breakfast before disembarking and transferring to the airport for your international flights home.
Expedition Map

A – Invercargill
B – Bluff
C – Snares Islands
D – Enderby Island
E – Carnley Harbour
F – Macquarie Island
G – Campbell Island
H – Antipodes Island
I – Bounty Islands
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K – Waitangi
L – Mangere Island
M – Dunedin

- By Road
- By Ship
Your Expedition Leaders

Peter Harrison

Peter Harrison has led expeditions throughout the world, from the Arctic to the Antarctic and everywhere in between. Peter has written and illustrated over a dozen books, of which Seabirds: An Identification Guide, is considered the bible of seabird identification. Peter is only one of a handful of authors to both write and illustrate bird books, but Peter Harrison is so much more than just a “bird man.” In addition to being a professional birder, entrepreneur, artist, author and screenwriter, Peter has devoted much of his time to conservation efforts. In recognition of his outstanding work in natural history and his dedication to conservation projects, Peter was invited to Buckingham Palace and honored with the title, Member of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. More recently, Peter was invited to Westminster by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to receive their prestigious Conservation Gold Medal Award. This honor is bestowed upon one individual each year in recognition of their support and dedication to wild bird protection and global habitat conservation. Past recipients have included Prince Charles and Sir David Attenborough. Exploration and discovery remain a driving force for Peter and during a recent expedition to Chile he led a six-person team to locate, catch and describe the first completely new storm petrel species to be discovered in nearly 100 years, the Pincoya Storm Petrel. It is safe to say that with Peter leading the charge, adventure always abounds.

Shirley Metz

Shirley Metz’s careers and accomplishments have spanned the globe. Born in Minnesota, she grew up in Europe and Hawaii, graduating from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Shirley became a certified diver at age 16 and while at UH did shark research earning her degrees in Marine Biology and Communications. She met her first husband in Hawaii with whom she founded Hobie Sports. She also developed several active clothing lines and consulted to companies such as The North Face.

In early 1988 Shirley visited Antarctica and became inspired to work in Antarctic conservation. To raise awareness, Shirley became a member of an international expedition that would attempt to ski 800 miles from the edge of Antarctica to the South Pole. On January 17, 1989, the nine-member expedition arrived at world’s end; Shirley made history and her way into the Guinness Book of Records as the first woman to ski overland to the South Pole. A member of the Explorers Club and The Society of Woman Geographers, Shirley continues to raise awareness and support for international environmental and cultural projects. Following a chance meeting in Antarctica in 1990 Shirley married Peter Harrison and together formed the successful travel firm, Eco–Expeditions. Together with four partners, they also founded Zegrahm Expeditions, a small-ship expedition company.

Shirley continues to lead expeditions, both private and commercial. As a professional photographer Shirley documents her travels and lectures on various topics, including her South Pole expedition.

“Our lives have been enriched by the 17 journeys we have undertaken with the Apex team leaders. Simply put, no one does expedition travel better.”

– Jim M., California
Sub-Antarctic Islands of New Zealand 2016 onboard the *Spirit of Enderby*

The *Spirit of Enderby* is a fully ice-strengthened expedition vessel, built in 1984 for polar and oceanographic research and is perfect for expedition travel. She carries just 50 passengers and was refurbished in March 2013 to provide comfortable accommodation in twin share cabins. Superior, Superior Plus, Mini Suites and the Heritage Suite all have ensuite bathrooms with showers. All cabins have outside windows or portholes and ample storage space. On board there is a combined bar/library lounge area and a dedicated lecture room. The cuisine is excellent and is prepared by top NZ and Australian chefs.

The real focus and emphasis of every expedition is getting you ashore as often as possible for as long as possible with maximum safety and comfort. Our expeditions are accompanied by some of the most experienced naturalists and guides, who have devoted a lifetime to field research in the areas that we visit. The ship is crewed by a very enthusiastic and experienced Russian Captain and crew.

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19 Days  Trip Length
Invercargill / Dunedin  Start / End

Included

Included in the price of your Apex expedition are all accommodations as noted in the itinerary; meals, activities and excursions; all gratuities; local beer and wine with dinner; services of two Apex Expeditions leaders, as well as the full onboard expedition team; airport transfers; permits; entrance fees; and taxes.

Not Included

Not included in the price of your Apex expedition include travel to and from the start and end point of the trip; travel insurance (Trip Cancellation and Interruption, as well as Emergency Medical and Evacuation insurance, are highly recommended); excess baggage fees; airport departure taxes; passport and/or visa fees; items of a personal nature (drinks other than beer and wine at dinner, phone calls, laundry, souvenirs, etc.); and pre- or post-trip independent travel arrangements.

Payments & Terms

25% of the trip cost will confirm your place on the expedition. The final balance is due 150 days prior to departure. All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Per person pricing is based on double occupancy. The Solo Rate is paid by participants who specifically request single accommodations and is subject to availability. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we will try to match you with a roommate of the same gender. However, if a roommate is not available, the published Solo Rate will be charged. Upon confirming your reservation you will be required to pay the published Solo Rate, if we are able to pair you with a roommate, the applicable difference will be refunded at the time that final trip payment is due for all participants. Please note that solo accommodations are limited and cannot always be guaranteed throughout. For our full set of Terms & Conditions, please visit our web site at www.apex-expeditions.com/expeditions/the-fine-print/

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Deck Plan - Spirit of Enderby

200 Level
- Lecture Theater
- Sauna
- Laundry

300 Level
- Main Deck
- Dining Room

400 Level
- Superior – Solo
- Superior Plus
- Lounge / Library
- Bar
- Hospital

500 Level
- Mini Suite
- Heritage Suite

Bridge Deck
- Bridge
- Expedition Office
Reservation Form

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Person 1: (Primary Contact)

Passport Name:

Preferred Name:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Mailing Details:

Address:

City: State: ZIP Code: Country:

Phone: Fax:

Double □ Solo □

Person 2: (If applicable and at same address, otherwise please submit a second Reservation Form.)

Passport Name:

Preferred Name:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Deposit Information:

☐ My deposit check is enclosed (20% of total tour fare)

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